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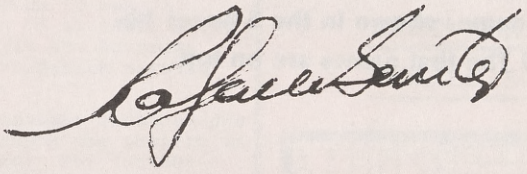
EDITOR'S CORNER

I would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to some of our friends that have departed from our publication to take on other pursuits. They are Maurice, Mark, Dave, and Walter.

And, at the same time, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the people that have joined us, and I am sure they will improve our magazine and will contribute to your reading enjoyment. They are - carl berry, E.M. Higashiyama, R. Guimond, and Walt Preston.

To all of you, thank you very much. I am sure the community is a better place because of your works.



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PUZZLE

BY: SHIRLEY

RAPID READER

Can you find the ten 5-letter words that are written backwards in the lines below in 4 minutes or less? Underline each word as you find it as we have done with DAISY.

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BITS AND PIECES

Can you identify the detectives of fiction from the Bits and Pieces of their names shown in the 6 boxes below? The first names are on top.

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2. HER / LME

3. CUL / OIR

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COURTS REPORTER

by: Larry Macy

MR. MACHO of Sacramento Contest

Alright men, you've had all summer to get those bodies into shape, and now it's about time that the rest of Sacramento had a chance to see what you've been up to. That's right: On Sunday night, September 27, Emperor VIII Larry wishes to invite all of you to join us at the Broadway Limited, 1946 Broadway at 10:00 pm for the local Sacramento 81-82 contest. We will be asking for a $1.00 donation to benefit the VD/Health Services Program provided by The Aquarian Effort at 1304 O Street.

CONTESTANTS NEEDED::: In order to enter this years contest each contestant will be asked to sign a statement that they are at least twenty one years of age; reside within the boundaries of G.N.I.E (Sacramento and adjoining counties to the North and East); and that they are willing to represent Sacramento during the California Statewide contest to be held later this year in San Francisco. Contestants will be judged in three categories by a panel. The categories are:

1-Masculine attire (What you feel most Macho in)
2-Swim suit, and
3-Your ability to answer a question which is chosen at random.

The original purpose of the California Statewide Mr. Macho contest was to instill a great sense of masculine pride within our local Gay communities. This is a contest created to get more of the men involved. This particular contest is officially affiliated with the "California Statewide Mr. Macho Contest" and is not to be confused with any others.

JUNIOR MR. MACHO CONTEST

Yes, while we are on the subject of HOT: The 2nd Annual Sacramento Junior Mr. Macho Contest will be held on Thursday night, October 8th at 11:00 pm. This years event will once again be hosted at BoJangles on Folsom Blvd (it also happens to be a great way of celebrating Terry Sides birthday at midnight).

Rules and regulations are similar to the Mr. Macho contest being held on Sept 27th at the Broadway Ltd. EXCEPT - the age requirement for JUNIOR MR. MACHO is 17 thru 21 years of age. Underaged (17 years and younger) will be allowed to compete only if accompanied by either parent only. The three categories for judging will be the same. We do encourage everyone who attends to make a donation of at least $1.00 to benefit The Aquarian Effort VD/Health Service Program.

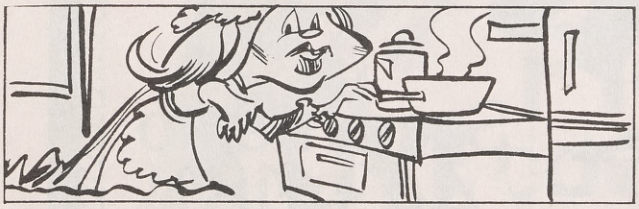
For contestant applications please check the posters in each bars. For further information feel free to call Larry at 448-2255.

Many things in the wind:

Thanks to Shay Sonny, Doug, buddy, Michael, and Mikki aka Nathan for representing the Community of Sacramento and G.N.I.E. at the Santa Rosa Coronation on August 22nd.

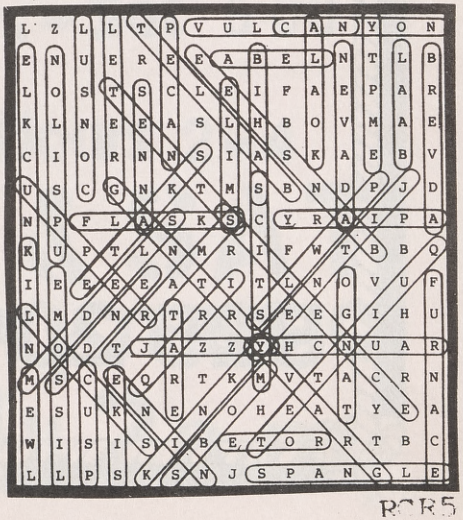
Sacramento community members - A special thanks for all of you who participated in the Camp Awards '81 which also took place on August 22nd. Just start working those wheels in your head for next year.

A reminder to all. Those of you who wish to join us either with in-town or out-of-town events; or simply wish to find out more about G.N.I.E. please join us at our regular court meetings. We meet the first Tuesday of each month 7:00 pm at the Incredible Edible Restaurant.



The word bride is derived from an ancient Germanic word meaning "to cook."

LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE SOLUTION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BY walt preston

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FOR YEARS NOW I'VE BEEN COLLECTING DATES OF LITTLE KNOWN EVENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, DID YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT HERE IN RIVER CITY ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1895, THE GRAND ELECTRIC COMPANY FIRST USED ELECTRICITY TO LIGHT SACRAMENTO'S STREETS. AND THAT THE FIRST MICKEY MOUSE CARTOON WAS SHOWN ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1928. OR THAT JOHN MARSHALL, THE MAN WHO FOUND THE GOLD, WAS BORN IN NEW JERSEY ON OCTOBER 8, 1810.

I THOUGHT NOT: NOT MANY FOLK FOLKS DO. FEEL DIFFERENT NOW THAT YOU DO KNOW IT? WELL, THIS LITTLE "HOBBY" OF MINE HAS AMUSED PEOPLE WHO KNOW ME FOR SOMETIME NOW; BUT I WAS QUITE SURPRISED AND MORE THAN A LITTLE HONORED WHEN "THE RAMBLER" ASKED ME TO HSARE THESE NOSTALGIC NUGGETS WITH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. SO I SWALLOWED THE LUMP IN MY THROAT AND SAID, "SURE."

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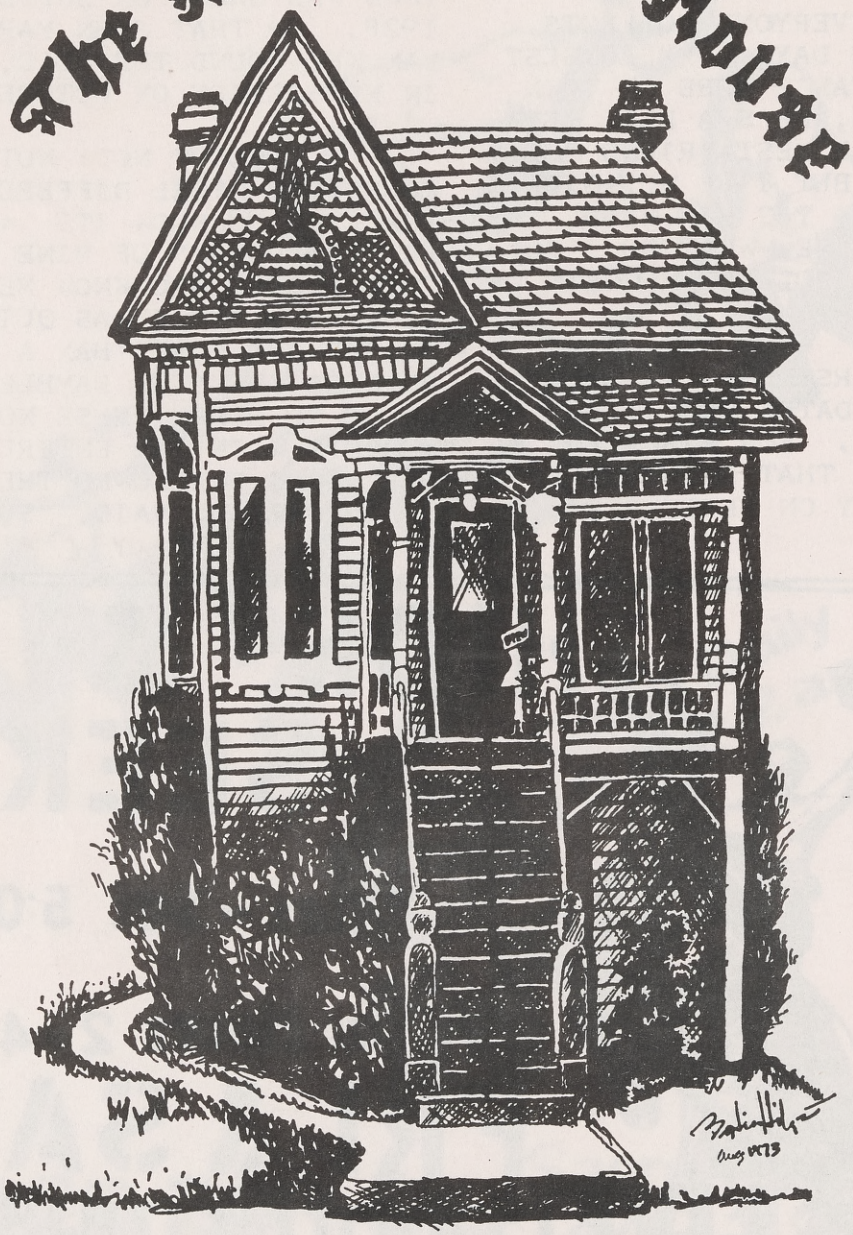

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By Modette

UNDERSTANDING

PART 6 - RELATIONSHIPS

You need to know were a person comes from in order to gain understanding of who they are.

How many times have you heard the expression, "Where are you coming from?" How would you answer this question when asked? What do you want to know when you ask it?

Myself, I take the question literally. I want to know about their past. Where they were born, where they went to school, what kind of family life they had, and last but not least, I want to know about their Gay life style.

I say you can't fully understand your partner or mate if you don't know where they've been.

For example: I was born and raised in Germany, and have lived in this country for many years. Due to a lot of help from people, I worked with when I first arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah. I was able to master the English language to the

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Good News

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Sacramento(AP) TO COMBAT THE RAPIDLY SPREADING MEDFLY INFESTATION GOVERNER JERRY BROWN HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW CORPS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KNOWN AS THE FRUIT POLICE. THE GOVERNOR, A REKNOWN EXPERT ON CALIFORNIA FRUITS, WILL TAKE PERSONAL COMMAND OF THE FRUIT POLICE.

THE FRUIT POLICE WILL GO DOOR TO DOOR AND STRIP FRUITS IN THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY.THEY WILL SET UP ROADBLOCKS ON HIGHWAYS LEADING OUT OF THE QUARANTINED AREAS, STOPPING ALL SUSPECTED FRUIT-CARRYING VEHICLES, ORDERING THE FRUITS REMOVED, AND THROWING THEM INTO THE BUSHES TO BE DELT WITH APPROPRIATELY.

THE NEW OFFICIALS WILL BE CLAD IN PINK BERETS, LAVENDER JUMPSUITS, AND CHARTREUSE SCARVES SO THEY CAN BE READILY DISTINGUISHED BY MOTORISTS. FRUIT POLICE WILL BE ISSUED STATE OF CALIFORNIA FLYSWATTERS, CARRYING A PHOTOGRAPH OF GOVERNOR BROWN ON ONE SIDE AND CESAR CHAVEZ ON THE OTHER..

ACCORDING TO A SOURCE VERY CLOSE TO THE GOVERNOR, "FLIGHT-TRAINED GRUIT POLICE WILL PILOT HELICOPTERS THAT WILL DROP MASSIVE QUANTITIES OF BROWN--FOR-U.S. SENATE LEAFLETS OVER THE INFESTED PRECINCTS--I MEAN AREAS--, AND OUR LABORATORY STUDIES INDICATES THAT LARGE DOSES OF THIS LITERATURE MAKE THE MEDFLY NAUSEOUS AND CAUSE HIM TO LOSE INTEREST IN MATING." THE SOURCE REFUSED TO CONFIRM, HOWEVER, REPORTS THAT THE MATERIAL HAS THE SAME EFFECT ON HUMANS.

TO ASSIST THE FRUIT POLICE, THERE WILL BE SEVERAL VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS, INDLUDING THE WOMEN'S MOTORCYCLE PATROL (DYKES-ON-BYKES), THE SWISH-BRIGADE, AND FAGGOTS-AGAINST-MAGGOTS.

GOVERNOR BROWN INSISTED THAT HIS VIGOROUS ATTACK ON THE MEDLY WAS CONSTENT WITH HIS PRIVIOUS POLICIES. "MY ADMINISTRATION HAS ALWAYS GIVEN TOP PRIORITY TO ALL FRUITS NUTS,AND FLAKES," SAID BROWN.

THE NEW FRUIT POLICE COMMISSIONER, GRAY DAVIS, WAS ASKED WHETHER THE PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO HELP GOVERNOR BROWN POLITICALLY. DAVIS' ONLY REPLY WAS NONCOMMITTAL, SAYING "OUR SOLE MOTIVATION IS TO PROTECT CALIFORNIA'S NUMBER ONE FRUIT."

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River City Invitational Bowling Tournament was held at Alhambra Bowling Alley August 22,23, 29, and 30. We had one team from San Francisco on August 30. This is a beginning. Look forward to a bigger and better tournament next year. We had 19 teams bowl and I hope all had a good time. The trophies will be awarded at noon, September 20 at Alhambra Bowl before the Fall leagues start. First place will be $180. Second place will be $100 and third place will be $70. Unofficial standing are posted at Alhambra. I would like to thank my committee members: Jim Dunham, Richard Wilkes, Don Covell, Karl Buck, and Vic. I would also like to thank Walter Coburn for his faithfull service as scorekeeper. Hope to see more participation next year.

--- MissDigette ---

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UNEXPERIENCES OF LIFE

by
Digette McAlister

Loneliness is a
Thing of the past,
I thought so then
But it's here to last.
unknown

The joyeous thing
of a child's belief
Comes crushing down
to the world's relief.

No myth nor fairy tale
can ever withstand
the deading blow
of lifes' crushing hand.

Why do I love you
No one can tell
But what I feel
No one can sell.

No physical or mental pain
can ever compare
to the soul and heart felt pain
When the one I love does not care.

COMING SOON.....

Keep you eyes open for some of our next issues. They have some interesting topics for your reading such as "Penis Myths" and three important new features: "Coming Out" coming out experiences of some of our friends in the community, and "Gays of our Lives", and "All my Sisters".

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..RETREAT..

Be sure to reserve Saturday, September 26th, for Dignity's all-day retreat to Drytown. It will be held at the home of a friend of Father Mel's and this home comes complete with a swimming pool; so it will be a day for recreation and fellowship as well as for reflection and meditation. Father Mel will be sending out a flyer with more information about the retreat and directions on how to get to Drytown. If you do not get a flyer or have additional questions, call Father Mel at the Friary at 443-8084. Be sure to let Father Mel know if you are planning to attend the Retreat as he will need to know how many people will be attending.

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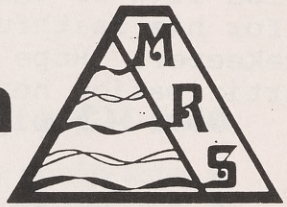

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Dear Walter,

On behalf of MDA, many thanks to the members of the Great North West Imperial Empire for the $2,512.93 raised during the Gay Cowboy and Gay Cowgirl Contest. The continuation of our patient service program is assured with the support of fine people like you.

As we discussed, your President, Larry Macy, will be contacted to make a facsimile check presentation on the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

Again, thanks and God Bless you.

Sincerely,

Ruth Jarvis

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Butch &

When Butch arrived at the Rambler office, he resembled the cat that ate the canary. After all,he had sojourned to merry old England to cover the Royal Wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. Here are some of the questions Butch fielded.

Q. Did you meet Charles personally?

A. "No, but I took numerous photographs. You might say that Charles is my new "prints charming."

Q. Did you attend any parties of note?

A. "Yes, there were Dukes, Earls, Barons, and a Gay Lord. It developed into quite a royal affair."

Q. Was there any noteworthy revelation about either of the couple?

A. "Well, Lady Diana is related to several American Presidents, including George Washington, Adams, F.D.R., and most notably Millard Fillmore."

Q. Do you think Charles would be a good ruler?

A. "Seeing him come out of the shower, I'd say he has all the necessary credentials."

Q. Did you bring back any royalabilia?

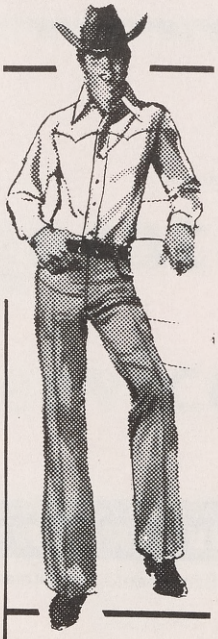
A. "Yes, a Union (acu) jack."

Nellie:

Dateline Houston-Dallas:

Nellie, thoroughly smitten by the new National Gay Cowgirl absconded with the Rambler bugget with plans to get an exclusive interview. Naturally, once she got to the Houston-Dallas area she succumbed to the High Tech Texas Tyranny of cattle Kalkhis, lizard skin boots, mechanical bulls, and J R impersonators. Her first dispatch back to the office detailed her personal inspection of the Dallas Cheerleaders. "I'm Sorry" she said, "I didn't know that when I grew up I'd like to have fun." Nellie finally located the elusive National Gay Cowgirl in a High-rise condo and made an appointment for the interview. She was nervous about being in the presence of her current "throb", but armed with a note pad and tape recorder she approached the door. Nellie walked in, there was the National Gay Cowgirl- all she had on was the radio. Needlessto say, that with that much of a distraction she didn't get the interview. In fact, she didn't even get to first base. The next call to the office was a sob sister sensation! The conversation ended with Nellies complaint that she had been referred to as "a pig in panty-hose", told she had 20 seconds to "get outta town" and didn't have a soux left to get back home on. So the hound has howled for Nellie, I'm sure we'll get a blow-by-blow account of everything as soon as we pick her up from the bus depot.

Holiday Hair Fashions



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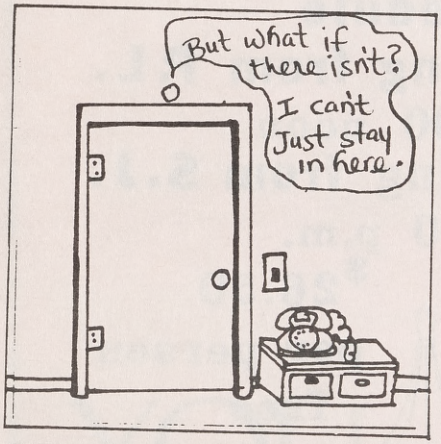
James Dudley
Jack McFarlane

The Closed Door..

by Em Higashiyama



to be Continued in next issue.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Tom, Randi and Moddette invite you to join them in some real hoe-down fun. Bring your partner or come alone to the Mercantile Saloon patio for Square Dancing lessons. Practice time is Monday night at 7pm. Object is to have fun as well as performing at the Reno Rodeo next year. Performing is optional. Come one come all-----Let's prove to ourselves that Sacramento is the Cowboy Capitol of California.

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The Big "G" Rodeo Company is sponsoring an Inter-Cities RODEO to take place September 26, 27, 1981 at Rowells Rodeo Arena in Hayward, California. Interested parties should contact R.L. Flom, Drive Boss, at the Big "G" Rodeo Co. The phone number is (209) 847-1839 in Oakdale, California.

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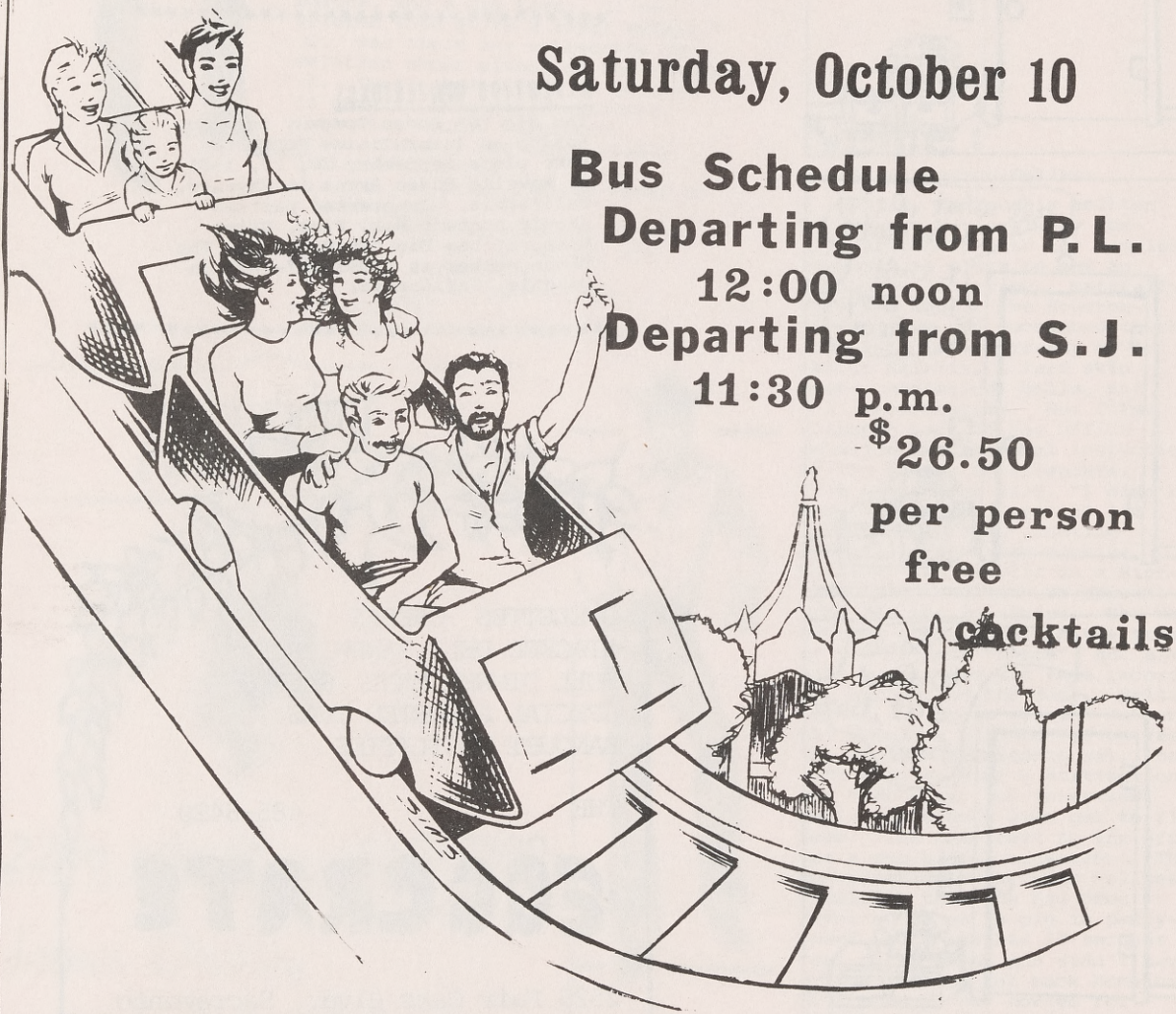

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COMMUNITY INTEREST...

AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH EMPEROR VIII, LARRY

Emperor Larry has been our current reigning magnate for the last six months and was cornered by this Ramblerette at one of the many local "houses" in our splendiferous city.

A common question asked often by the community of an Emperor: "What do you do besides go to out of town coronations?"
Emperor's answer: " I spend alot of time on the telephone and attend meetings for the G.N.I.E. Court and the Community Center of which I am co-chairman. In this capacity, much behind the scene work needs to be done that cannot be seen by the community. My calander is quite full of things to do."

R: "How do you feel personally after six months of reigning?"
E: "EXXXXHAUSTED!!!!! There was more enthusiasm during my campaign; however, due to my idealistic viewpoint then, my current realistic awareness brings forth a little disillusionment, myself."

R: " Promises were made during your campaign, do you feel you have fullfilled or are fullfilling them?"
E: "Emphatically, yes. My promise was to listen to the community and

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point of it becoming my mother language. Today most people would not even suspect that I was not born in this country. Yet, I know, to this day I deal with insecurities which I find difficult to overcome because of my background. Those people who were there in 1955 understand very well because they were there to watch my struggle. Most people I know now see me as I appear.

A very dear friend of mine came out in Gay life in the early teen years. The experiences this person had to deal with while trying to mature simultaneously are totally different from those of another friend of mine, who "came out" at the age of twenty-nine.

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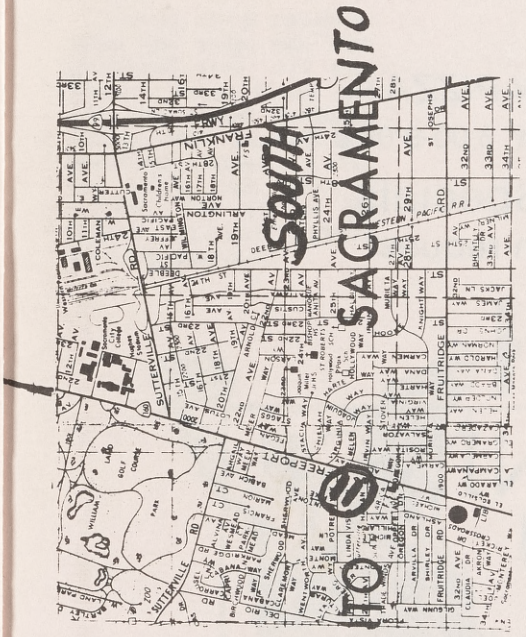

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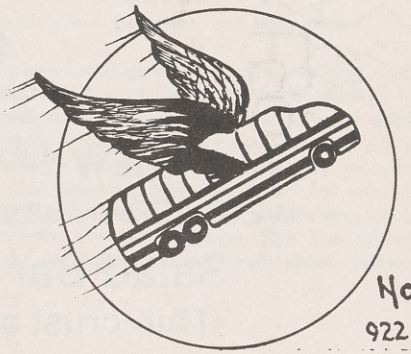

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Finely chop zucchini slices and pulp; mix with prepared rice, 1/2 cup Planters Pecan Pieces and 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese. Stuff mixture into shells and arrange in a shallow baking dish. Bake at 400°F. for 15 to 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Serves 6.

FOOD IDEAS

CREOLE BAKE CHICKEN

2-1/2 pounds cut-up chicken
1 envelope Shake 'n Bake seasoned coating mix for chicken—barbecue style
1 large or 2 medium Bermuda onions, cut into 1/2-inch slices
2 medium green peppers, cut into strips

Wash chicken pieces and gently pat dry, leaving slightly moist. Empty seasoned coating mix into shaker bag. Shake 2 or 3 pieces at a time in bag until evenly coated. Spread onion slices and green pepper strips in a 13x9-inch pan; top with chicken pieces and sprinkle any remaining mix evenly over the chicken. Bake at 350° for about 50 minutes, or until tender. Place chicken on serving platter, and spoon vegetables around chicken. Stir the sauce in the pan to blend, and spoon over vegetables. Makes 4 servings.

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WOULDN'T ALL YOU HUNKS IN STATE CIVIL SERVICE JUST HAVE LOVED THE CHOICE TO HAVE BEEN APOLLO, WHO WAS CONSIDERED AS HE WAS THE SUN GOD, THE GOLDEN ONE FOR THE GOLDEN STATE, ETC. JUST IMAGINE BEING ABLE TO LICK ENVELOPES WITH APOLLO ON IT--WHY ONE WOULD NEVER KNOW JUST WHICH "FLAP TO LICK---wow! BUT WHY CHOOSE ATHENA AND NOT APOLLO IN THE FIRST PLACE. HE WAS THE GREATEST GAY GOD OF THEM ALL. WELL, TAKE HEARTS, MY DEARS- ATHENA/MINERVA WAS GAY TOO, SO ALL IS NOT LOST. SEEMS THAT ATHENA'S MOM, MAIA, SO THE MYTH GOES, GOT IT ON WITH ZEUS AND HAD TO SUFFER THAT AWFUL FATE OF STRAIGHT SEX. ZEUS WAS REALLY P.O.'ED WHEN HE LEARNED MAIA WAS KNOCKED UP--NOT TO MENTION HIS WIFE, HERA. SO HE ATE MAIA. NOW I ASK YOU, WOULD GAY PRIESTS WRITE SUCH A HORRIBLE MYTH? WELL, MAIA CONTINUED TO LIVE IN ZEUS, AND LITTLE ATHENA BEGAN TO LIVE IN MAIA. NOW THE MYTH REALLY GETS WILD. ATHENA WAS BORN INSIDE ZEUS AND COULDN'T FIND A WAY OUT, SO SHE BANGED ON THE INSIDE OF HIS HEAD-- GAVE HER DAD AN EXCEDRIN HEADACHE TO END ALL EXCEDRIN HEADACHES. SO GOOD OLD ZEUS ASKED HIS KID, HEPHAESTUS (VULCAN) IF HE COULD HELP PUT AN END TO THESE HORRID HEADACHES. HEPHAESTUS SAID, "WHY SURE, POP", TOOK UP AN AXE, AND SPLIT OPEN ZEUS' HEAD. HONESTLY, THE GODS AS CHILDREN WERE REALLY QUITE IMPOSSIBLE. WELL, ATHENA JUMPED OUT FULLY GROWN (DRESSED IN VERY TACKY ARMOR FOR A GODDESS). WITH SUCH A CHILDHOOD AND BIRTH, IT'S NO SMALL WONDER SHE DIDN'T LIKE MEN MUCH, BUT YOU CAN SEE WHY SHE GOT TO BE OUR SYMBOL.

WHEN THE GUYS GOT TOGETHER IN MONTEREY IN 1850, THEY THOUGHT IT'D BE A HOT IDEA TO ADMIT CALIFORNIA TO THE UNION AS A FULL GROWN STATE, CHOOSE ATHENA/MINERVA AS OUR SYMBOL, AND MOVE THE CAPITAL--IN TIME---RIGHT HERE TO SACRAMENTO. REALLY, MY DEARS! SACRAMENTO DOES HAVE A SENSATIONAL SAGA TO SING.

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